

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2007

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
H232 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman John Conyers
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Bennie Thompson
House Homeland Security Committee
176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Henry Waxman
House Oversight & Government Reform Committee
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Chairmen Conyers, Thompson, and Waxman:

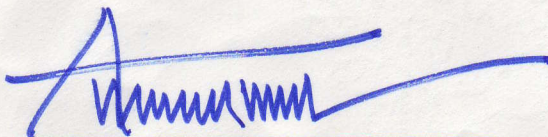
Serious questions remain unanswered by our federal government over the apparently misguided prosecution of two distinguished U.S. Border Patrol Agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, who have been convicted and sentenced to federal prison for shooting a habitual Mexican drug smuggler, who was in the country illegally, during the course of their duty protecting America's southern border.

Numerous and repeated attempts by Members of Congress to ascertain the facts of this case through inquiries with relevant federal agencies have been unsuccessful. Our requests for information have been delayed or denied, and certain federal investigators have even misled us about this case. The failure to obtain information on the investigation and prosecution of this case threatens Congress' ability and inherent responsibility to provide oversight of these federal agencies. We strongly request that you conduct immediate hearings into all aspects of this case.

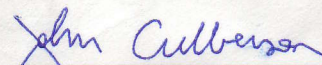
The implications of this case are far reaching for the control and security of America's borders. Our Border Patrol Agents have an especially dangerous and difficult job, and because of the outcome of this case, many are now second guessing themselves and questioning when and where they should draw their weapons out of fear of prosecution. The safety of our Agents and their ability to defend our borders has been materially damaged.

We hope you will agree to our request and schedule these hearings promptly, and we look forward to working with you to provide any material that is necessary to conduct a thorough investigation.

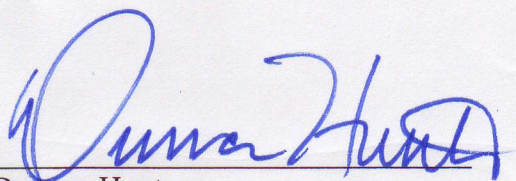
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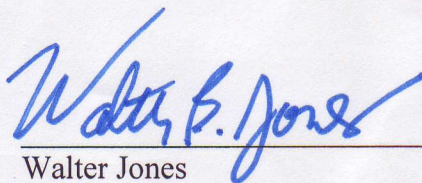
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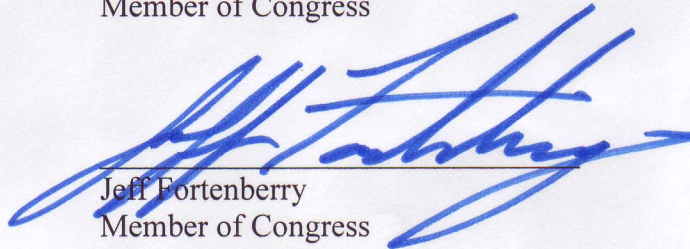
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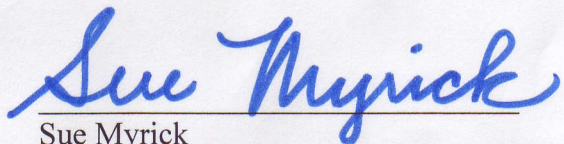
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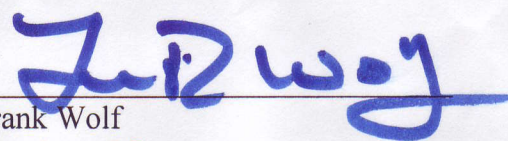
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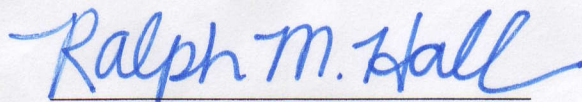
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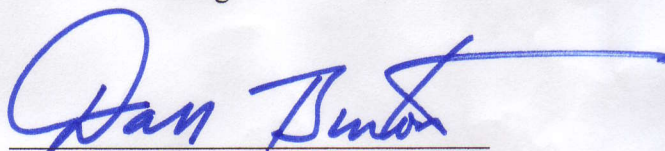
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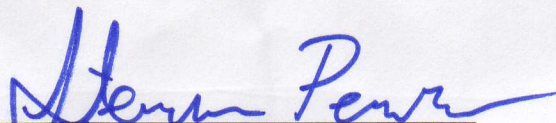
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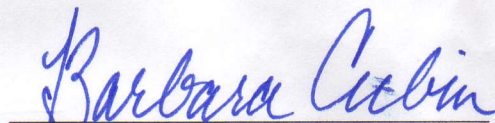
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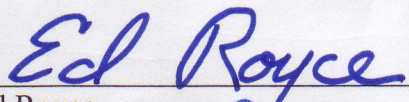
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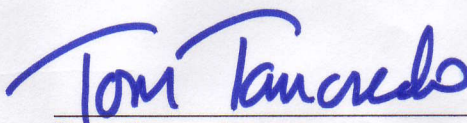
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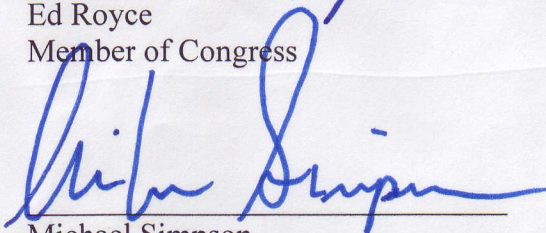
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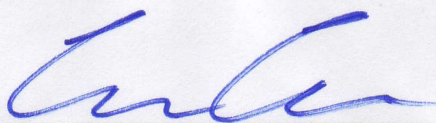
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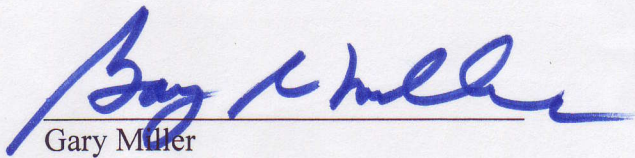
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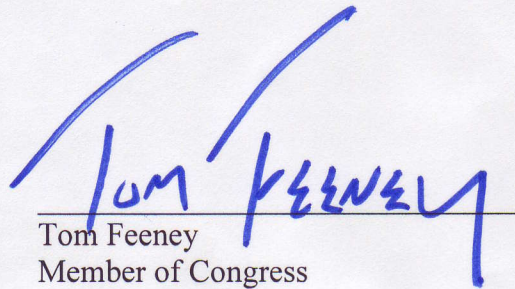
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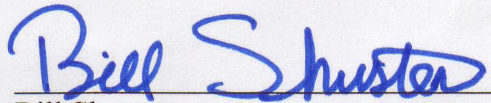
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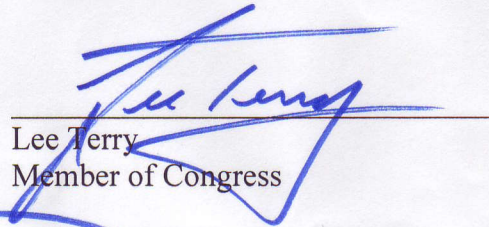
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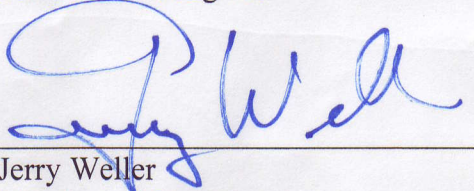
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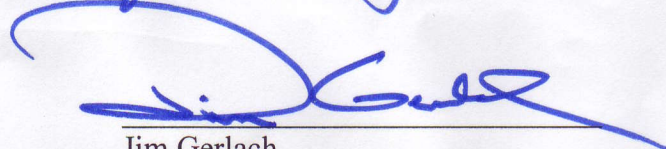
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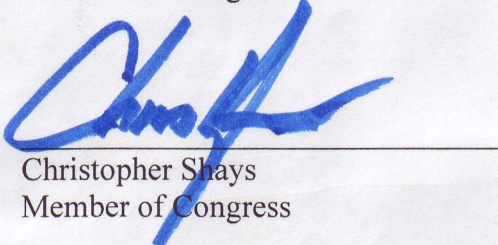
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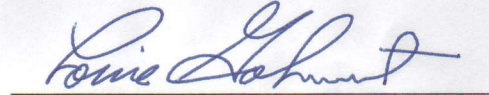
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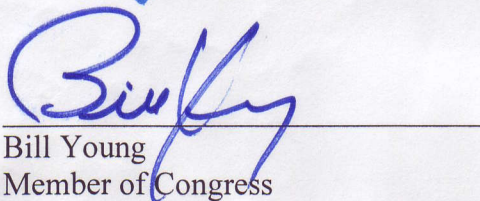
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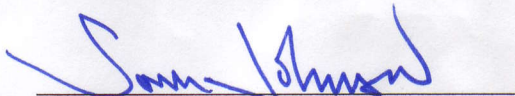
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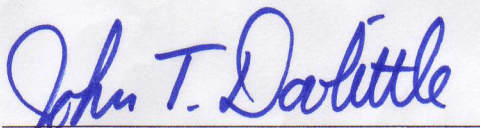
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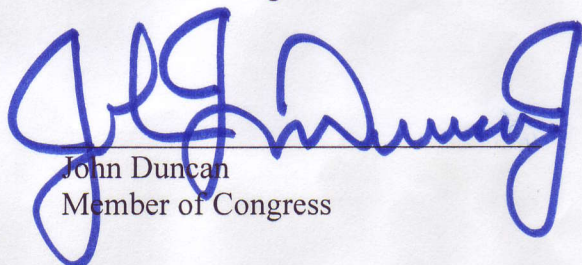
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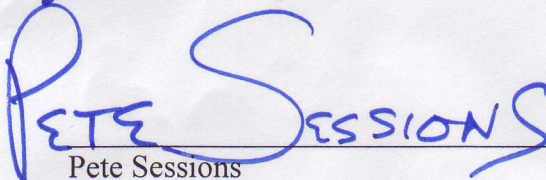
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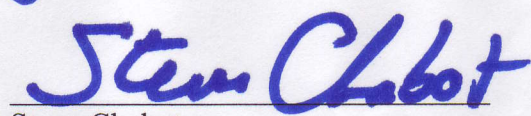
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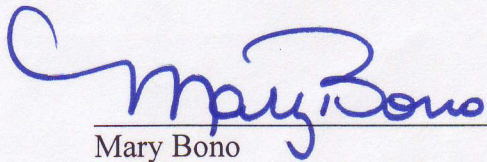
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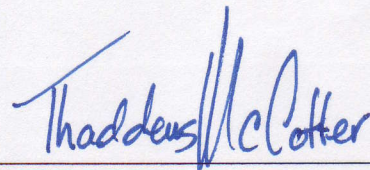
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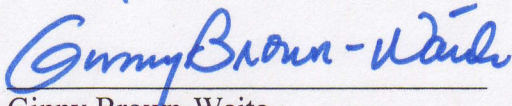
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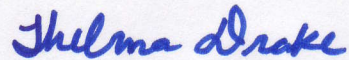
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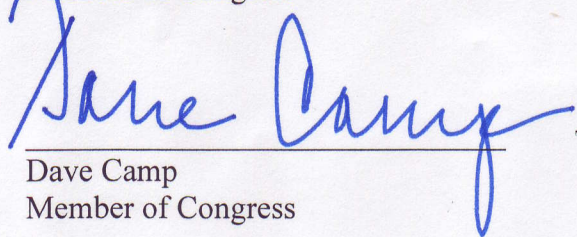
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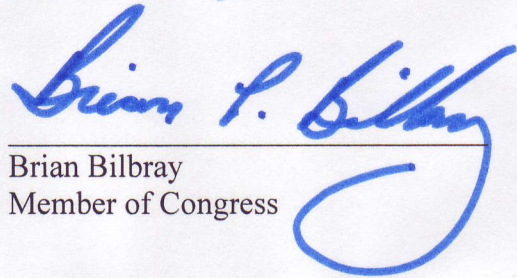
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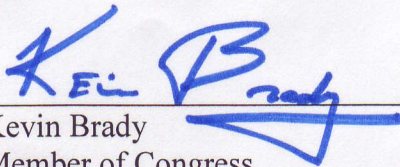
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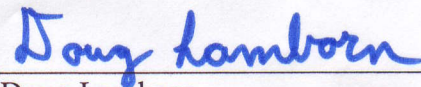
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